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TO : General Counsel

DATE: 2 September 1948

FROM : CSB

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SUBJECT: Loss by Fire - [REDACTED]

25X1A Attached hereto are pertinent memoranda concerning the fire sustained by [REDACTED] with this organization.

25X1A This office has carefully reviewed the circumstances surrounding this fire, and while no effort is being made to absolve [REDACTED] from the blame, certain extenuating circumstances call for the following comments:

25X1A 1. It is realized that one in [REDACTED] position should be aware of the possibility of spontaneous combustion. However, it is felt that [REDACTED] was not nor should have been in a position to accurately judge that placing the rags in a desk drawer would cause spontaneous combustion.

25X1A 2. [REDACTED] was acting in the best interests of the organization and himself by not carrying large sums of Government money on his person while travelling on the road.

25X1A 3. [REDACTED] was observing proper security by locking any and all Government property in his desk for safe keeping.

25X1A 4. The actions on the part of [REDACTED] in assuming the loss in an effort to protect his confidential informants is commendable.

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5. It is the opinion of this office that [REDACTED] has handled this affair in a highly satisfactory manner and is entitled to reimbursement of the \$170.00.

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25X1A It is specifically requested that this office be advised what can be done to reimburse the \$170.00 which [REDACTED] has paid from his personal funds. This matter has been preliminarily discussed with [REDACTED] of the General Counsel office.

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Attachments: 2

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